

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, due to the increased cost of fuel, food and other necessities and the deployment of 2,000 Idaho citizen soldiers, the agencies that provide food for needy Idahoans have a crucial need for donations this summer; and

WHEREAS, Idahoans have always responded with compassion and generosity to their neighbors in need and this is a time when we must all reach out to the members of our communities who are most impacted by these conditions; and

WHEREAS, we must show our military families that we appreciate the sacrifices they are making, and assure those deployed in defense of our freedoms that their families will not lack adequate food and support; and

WHEREAS, in response to those needs KQFC Radio and the Credit Unions of the Treasure Valley are presenting The Cover the Blue Summer Food Drive to give Idahoans throughout the state a way to donate food and other essentials items to their most needy neighbors; and

WHEREAS, by gathering enough food to cover the turf at Bronco Stadium we can show our troops and our communities that Idahoans are all in good hands;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim July 14, 2004, to be

COVER THE BLUE KICK OFF DAY

in Idaho, and I encourage all individuals, businesses, organizations and families to support this project to help our hungry neighbors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this fourteenth day of July in the year of our Lord two-thousand and four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE GOVERNOR

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